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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 17, 2006 and marked final, a reply to which is due November 17, 2006, with a one-month Extension of Time, a Petition for which is filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Advisory Action dated October 18, 2006, please consider the following:

This amendment and response is being concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this submission.